

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, January 25, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chairman Mike Lawlor, Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Management; *Gary Roberge*, Executive Director, Court Support Services Division; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State Attorney; *Scott DeVico*, Public Information Officer, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Commissioner Scott Semple*, Commissioner, Department of Corrections; *Chairperson Carlton Giles*, Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families; *Humayun Beg*, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Information Systems, *Chris Rapillo*, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, *Judge Patrick Carroll*, Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch, *Chief James Kenny*, Representative, Chiefs of Police Association, *Loel Meckle*, Assistant Director of Forensic Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner Saadi, Department of Veterans Affairs,

I. Introductions

- a. This meeting was broadcast on CTN and can be found at the following website: <http://ctn.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=14918>

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. Later this month CJPPD will be issuing the annual prison forecast
- b. The Department of Justice has not released any justice assistance grants for last federal fiscal year

III. Approval of Minutes from December 2017.

- a. One minor edit on an acronym was made.

IV. Commission Correspondence

- a. No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentations

- a. Alex Johnson, CEO and President of Capitol Workforce Partners, Presentation on BEST CHANCE
- b. Kyle Baudoin, Planning Analyst, Statistical Analysis Center, Office of Policy and Management, Presentation on Special Parole

VII. Agency Updates

DVA – Increase in certifications for eligibility for AR for veterans. They can apply for AR two times. However, it seems to be a disjointed process, but we are trying to standardize and make templates for this AR process embedded early on in the process. Defining “veteran”, there is a federal and state definition, the state says *active service* not duty, the federal definition say *active duty*. We are in support of expanding the definition of “veteran”, which would have implications with AR and other programs and benefits. We recently had a join training session with DOL, DSS, and DVA to teach each other about the programs and benefits we have to offer, so all the workers can have knowledge of what the other agencies have to offer.

DOC – Total incarceration is down by 6.2% this time last year, sentenced incarceration is down 8.4% this time last year. Accused population is up less than 1%, and pretrial is up by 1%, and total female pop is down 5.9%. Officially closed Enfield, a 700 bed facility and closed one housing unit at MYI and one

at York CI. DOC has a successful escape since last meeting, thanks to the many agencies involved in the apprehension in this individual. He has been detained and will be transported back to Connecticut.

BOPP – Last month BOPP completed 31 absolute pardons.

DESPP- Received \$895,000 grant for body-worn cameras and in addition to state bond funds they will be able to equip troopers with body cameras. Narcan update – DESPP responded to 216 calls since the beginning of the program and saved 207 lives. DESPP is coordinating activities to help people affected by the hurricanes- recently FEMA reversed a decision that would have allowed evacuees to stay in housing in hotels. The State has worked a deal so that now they will be allowed to stay in temporary housing until February 1st and the State will work with them to help figure out housing situations going forward with the help of 211, Salvation Army and multiple other agencies.

DCF – DCF is meeting with CSSD and OPM to transition CJTS to CSSD. Currently their population is 31, with 3 planned discharges. The plan is to close CJTS on July 1, 2018, and DCF is moving to reduce staffing levels in conjunction with reduced population at CJTS.

CSSD – Collaborating with DCF to transfer juvenile justice from DCF. Bail cases released on conditional release from release to disposition last year the FTA was 14.3% - in 2014 it was 14.1%. The new arrest rate for the same status of defendants was 22.5 this year 22.5 last year. Family pretrial supervision new arrest rate for DV rest -0% this year and last four or five years too. Adult rearrests for probation went down 3/10ths of a percentage point this year, from 38.8% to 3.5% for the 24th month recidivism rate. AIC program completers, saw a decrease in recidivism from 27.5% last year to 27.25% this year. Adult behavioral programs saw a slight uptick 24.5% from 23% last year. Family violence education, explorer and evolve programs remained consistence from last year. A thank you to all the people that makes these programs successful.

Judicial Branch – Working internally to transfer juvenile justice from DCF to CSSD, and working externally with key stakeholders in the process to sensitive them to the challenges we will face when this transfer takes place, in terms of finance, staffing, and facilities.

CJIS – CJIS is making inroads into the technology challenges, they are demoing integration for prosecutor's office and judicial branch. The release of phase 1 will be at the end of June, and at the same time they are working to operationalize that in order to bring on 13,000 users, and looking to the future for this project. Right now, OBTS is shut down, most of the agencies that were part of the board they have come onto CIS, there are agencies outside CIS, requested access and we are providing them instructions on how to get access to the parts of CJIS they were using in the past. CJIS will look at their requests from a security aspect, those agencies will come on board fully in phase two, and in the meantime, we will provide those reports. There are currently two or three agencies that have access to CIS on a test basis.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – no updates

Behavioral health – Last meeting was scheduled on the day of the blizzard so that was cancelled, and we will meet again I three months.

Victim issues – no update

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting at 11:08.